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SUBJECT: U.S.-ITALY COOPERATION IN HEALTH

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1. HEW/OIH FISCHER AGREES WITH EMBASSY VIEW THAT EHRlich-VANNUGLI LETTER SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT THROUGH SCIATT. HEW IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH VANNUGLI AND HAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT HIS RELATIVE POSITION IN MOH HIERARCHY OR HIS CAPABILITIES. EMBASSY MAY RECALL THAT, DURING THE DRAFTING STAGE, HEW FIRST DESIGNATED THE U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT. THAT WAS DONE WITH HOPE THAT ITALIANS WOULD ALSO DESIGNATE A HIGHER RANKING OFFICIAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITY ON THEIR SIDE. THE ITALIANS CHOSE OTHERWISE AND HEW APPROPRIATELY APPOINTED VANNUGLI'S COUNTERPART IN USA. HEW/OIH APPRECIATES ALL EMBASSY EFFORTS TO SEE THAT THIS AGREEMENT RECEIVES HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION IN ROME WITH THE RECOGNITION ALSO THAT, AT THIS POINT, AN  
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EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP MUST BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN DIRECTOR OIH AND VANNUGLI.

2. THE LETTER FROM EHRlich TO VANNUGLI WAS QUITE SPECIFIC IN INVITING ITALIAN TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS FOR COUNTERPART DISCUSSIONS AND HEW INTENDS TO ENCOURAGE ITALIANS TOWARD THIS TYPE OF DISCUSSION AND PLANNING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF VANNUGLI VIEWED MEETING AS FOR "ORIENTATION" THAT IS UNFORTUNATE AND HEW APPRECIATES ALL SCIATT'S EFFORTS TO REDIRECT ITALIAN UNDERSTANDING OF THIS INVITATION. NOW THAT INITIAL MEETING DATES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED, HEW HOPES THAT SCIATT WILL AGAIN ATTEMPT TO STRESS U.S. INTERESTS IN THIS MEETING.

3. HEW/OIH AGREES THAT THERE IS GREAT ADVANTAGE IN HAVING CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN VANNUGLI AND DIRECTOR OIH GO THROUGH EMBASSY AND IN THE FUTURE WILL SO CHANNEL THIS CORRESPONDENCE. HEW/OIH WILL ALSO APPRECIATE SCIATT EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE RELATIONSHIPS ESTABLISHED IN THE AGREEMENT. IN THIS REGARD, HEW MUST POINT OUT THAT, DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON DRAFTING THE AGREEMENT, THE ITALIANS WERE INSISTENT THAT SPECIFIC MOH INSTITUTIONS BE IDENTIFIED FOR PRIMARY PARTICIPATION. HEW UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS DESIGNED, FOR BUDGETARY REASONS, TO LIMIT THE INVOLVEMENT OF UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER MOH INSTITUTIONS HEW WILL WORK TO ESTABLISH MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP ACROSS A BROAD RANGE OF HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES BUT, IN THE FIRST INSTANCES, IT IS PREPARED TO ESTABLISH THESE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE AGREEMENT. VANCE

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